

JEAN ELIOT'S CHRONICLES OF CAPITAL SOCIETY DOINGS

Society and Suffrage; More June Weddings

Dear Susan:

The State Department is maintaining a discreet silence as to the date of the arrival of Senator Balmori Brun, the foreign minister of Uruguay, who is coming to this country "shortly." The Department's "shortly" is as likely to mean tomorrow as next month, for in these perilous times the powers that be make no announcement as to the sailing date of a foreign potentate until he has safely landed at "an Atlantic" or "a Pacific" port. I have learned unofficially, however, that Senator Brun has not yet left Uruguay and that his visit is not scheduled to take place immediately.

When he does come he will be entertained with considerable pomp and ceremony, for he comes as the guest of the nation. It seems a pity that the late Dr. Carlos Manuel de Pena, long time minister of Uruguay, should not be here to welcome his distinguished countryman and share the honors paid his country through her diplomatic representative. The late minister's son, Hugo de Pena, who is secretary of the legation and charge d'affaires, will doubtless have this distinction; and probably one or two of the younger officials of the State Department will be detailed as escort to Senator Brun, as is the custom in such cases. Hugo de Pena and his bride, who was Ethel Hunder, of Baltimore, are occupying the residence in N street, which was the Uruguayan legation during the greater part of Dr. de Pena's long residence here as minister. Mrs. de Pena and her three daughters, who were exceedingly popular here, have returned to Uruguay.

Mrs. Maudie Parker and
Lieut. Col. Walsh Harry.

After a spring season which was marked by parties as numerous, though perhaps neither as elaborate nor so well advertised as in happier years, society has settled down to a sort of midsummer jog trot, and it is probable that the fall will last until Dr. Brun's advent causes a resumption of official entertaining.

Meanwhile, weddings continue to be the most interesting events on the social program. The prettiest and most important of last week's brides was Maudie Parker, niece of Mrs. Dolos Blodgett, who was married yesterday to Lieut. Col. James I. Walsh. The Blodgett-Percher-Matthews clan, who are all united and chummy, turned out in full force and everybody had a tremendously good time at the wedding. The only absentees were the bride's sister, Mrs. Harry Roberts, of Atlanta, who, before her marriage, was Adrienne Percher, couldn't be here because she didn't dare take the long journey from Atlanta with a teething baby; and Mrs. Louis Seelbach, who was Daisy Percher and cousin of the Percher girls and of the Blodgett girls as well. It was



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a baby kept her at home also, her own baby, who is now just six weeks old.

The wedding festivities were curtailed a bit as the bride was quite seriously ill during her recent stay in New York and a still not strong; but there were several pleasant parties at Mrs. Blodgett's, where the entire Percher family was staying, and William E. Fowler gave a delightful dinner-dance at Brooks Farm for the members of the bridal party and a few extra guests.

Suffragists Make
Strategic Retreat.

Perhaps the most interesting thing which Washington contributed to the events of the week was the attempt on Thursday to bring the suffrage amendment to a vote in the Senate. And even that didn't quite come up to specifications, both because the supporters of the amendment had to yield ground before a determined filibuster in the face of the fact that

huge and vital appropriation bills were being held up and because, for some reason, the galleries were neither so crowded nor so full of notables as they were on the day the amendment came up in the House. It was a sight worth seeing, however, and the suffrage cohorts took heart from the knowledge that the engagement had simply resulted in a strategic retreat, and from the announcement by Senator Jones of New Mexico, who has the amendment in charge, that he would insist upon bringing it to a vote before the Senate declared a recess. He can undoubtedly force a vote, too, if he insists, for, although there may be some doubt that the suffragists can command the two-thirds vote necessary to pass an amendment, there is no doubt that they have the simple majority necessary to prevent adjournment.

Leaders of Both Sides
Watch Senate Fight.

Mrs. James W. Wadsworth, Jr., leader of the anti's, was there, of course, to watch the progress of the fight. She had on a summery-looking pink and white frock, with a wide-brimmed hat; and Miss Mary Kilbrath, a leading New York anti, seemed to be her principal supporter. They both smiled down at Senator Wadsworth as he came in with Senator Lodge, looking for all the world, as one reporter phrased it, "as though they had eaten the canary." Both camps of suffragists were well represented. With Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt, head of the National Association, were Dr. Anna Howard Shaw, Mrs. Garrett Hays, familiarly known as the "woman boss of New York," Dr. Katherine Bennett Davis, New York's commissioner of charities; Mrs. Richard Aldrich, of New York; Mrs. Stanley McCormick, and others of their ilk and Mrs. Oliver H. P. Belmont sat with the Woman's Party delegation—Miss Alice Paul, Miss Lucy Burns, Mrs. Lawrence Lewis, and the rest.

I also saw Mrs. George Bass, who had a party of guests, among 'em Mrs. Daniels, Mrs. J. Borden Harriman, Mrs. Charles Boughton Wood, who seemed immensely interested in everything that was going on, and Mrs. Pankhurst, the famous British suffrage leader, looking to quote the New York Tribune's comment on another fighting suffragette—"about as militant as a pint of milk." I didn't see a diplomat, and Mrs. Daniels was the only member of the Cabinet contingent within my range of vision. Also I kept craning my neck to see if I could glimpse Mme. Vera Bocharova, the famous leader of Russia's "battalion of death." She apparently wasn't present, but somehow my sense of drama told me she ought to be.

Another person I missed was Mrs. Norman Whitehouse, of New York, who used always to be on hand when the National Association was "pulling out" anything important. She, it appears, is in Europe again. And this time, instead of representing George Creel's Committee on Public Information, I understand, she is a duly accredited agent of the State Department and travels on diplomatic passports.

What do you want to do more than

anything in the world? "Go to France," of course. Those three words would probably be the answer of every normal American girl of today were she asked the same question. But, oh, that simple question settled, how many more one must answer satisfactorily before being allowed to sail!

What can you do that's useful? Can you speak French? Are you

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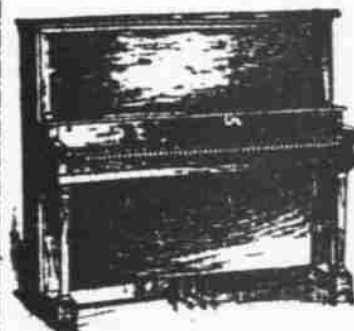
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